

I am writing to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. E-Rate has been very important to Harnett County Schools because it has helped our students and teachers gain access to a wealth of online resources, communicate and collaborate, and develop the 21st century skills necessary for college and career. However, E-Rate funding levels have not kept pace with my Harnett County's current bandwidth needs. We need MORE. A LOT more! I urge you to raise the E-Rate funding level to at least \$5 billion per year, which is close to the average demand level for each of the past two years.

As a Technology Facilitator in North Carolina, I know that seamlessly infusing digital learning throughout the curriculum is a prerequisite for students to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's global economy. Access to high-speed broadband is the key to allowing modern teaching and learning to occur in all schools across the country.

The E-Rate program has been a phenomenal success in bringing internet access to almost every classroom in America. In the last funding cycle, applications from schools and libraries requested a total of more than \$5 billion—twice the amount of available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success.

Please help make this happen Harnett County's network is failing to keep up with the every growing demands of our growing county, and our STUDENTS reliable high-speed to work towards being ready for the 21st century and to prepare for those jobs that have not been created yet but will be there for them in the near future. Please consider this. It is very important to the students in Harnett County.

Thank you for your time. A concerned Parent, Technology Facilitator, Teacher and a Student myself- who learns from my students daily.

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